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1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- LARGEST CIRCULATION UNITED DAILY NEWS(380,000) EDITORIALY HAILED PRESIDENT FORD FOR HIS STAUNCHNESS IN MINNEAPOLIS SPEECH BEFORE AMERICAN LEGION. PAPER SAID NO PREVIOUS FORD SPEECH HAD EVER BEEN SO STRONG, FIRM AND POSITIVE IN DEALING WITH COMMUNISTS, BUT WHAT IS IMPORTANT NOW IS HOW PRINCIPLES IN SPEECH WILL BE TRANSFORMED INTO U.S. DIPLOMATIC ACTIONS. PAPER WENT ON TO BLAME DETENTE POLICY FOR PROBLEMS IN WORLD SITUATION AND WARNED U.S. MORE DISASTERS WILL OCCUR IF U.S. DOES NOT CHANGE POLICY QUICKLY.

-- ALL PAPERS HAVE BEEN REPORTING TROUBLES ON CHINA MAINLAND PARTICULARLY HANGCHOW AND HEILUNGKIANG. PROMINENTLY PLAYED CENTRAL NEWS AGENCY (CNA) - WASHINGTON DISPATCH AUGUST 17 REPORTING U.S. OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON AS ACKNOWLEDGING PRIVATELY THAT REPORTED TROUBLES ON MAINLAND CHINA ARE MATTER OF CONCERN TO U.S. GOVERNMENT, PARTICULARLY IN RESPECT

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PRESIDENT FORD'S UPCOMING VISIT. HOWEVER, CNA SAID U.S.

OFFICIALS DOUBTED TROUBLES WOULD IGNITE ANOTHER MAINLAND-WIDE ERUPTION OF CHAOS AS HAPPENED DURING CULTURAL REVOLUTION. -- ALL PAPERS AUGUST 20 CARRIED REPORTS QUOTING SENATOR JACOB JAVITS AS CALLING FOR U.S. ADHERENCE TO ITS DEFENSE COMMITMENTS TO ROC AND ROCK. AFTER TWO-WEEK TOUR OF MAINLAND CHINA, JAVITS ALSO REPORTED AS ENDORSING STEPPED UP CULTURAL AND ACIENTIFIC EXCHANGES BETWEEN U.S. AND MAINLAND BUT NOT AT EXPENSE OF ROC OR ROK. IN PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO TAIWAN, JAVITS WAS QUOTED AS SAYING "ON TAIWAN, I BELIEVE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE OF 1972 LEAVES MATTER WHERE IT OUGHT TO BE AT THIS TIME WITH A DECLARATION OF U.S. MUTUAL DEFENSE AGREEMENT WITH TAIWAN."

II. PROGRAM

VOLSPKR WALTER L. NESS, NEW YORK UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR FINANCE AND INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS, CROWDED MEETINGS, SEMINAR, PUBLIC LECTURE INTO TWO BUSY, PROFITABLE DAYS. WHAT STARTED AS AUGUST 18 COURTESY CALL ON FINANCE MINISTER KT. LI TURNED OUT AS ONE-HOUR BRAINSTORMING SESSION ON TAXATION. MINISTER LI, AT ONE POINT IN DIALOGUE, EXCLAIMED, "YOU HAVE COME AT JUST RIGHT TIME. WE IN MIDST OF RESTRUCTURING OUR TAX SYSTEM." AUGUST 19 NESS HELD TWO-HOUR MORNING SEMINAR HOSTED BY ECONOMIC PLANNING COUNCIL FOR 35 LEADING BANK PRESIDENTS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ECONOMIC LEADERS ON "CAPITAL MARKETS." AFTER EPC SESSION, PRESIDENT TAIWAN'S LARGEST BANK REMARKED ALTHOUGH FORCED RESCHEDULE BANK MEETING IN ORDER ATTEND HE BENEFITTED GREATLY FROM SESSION, NESS GENERATED UNUSUAL AMOUNT PRESS COVERAGE INCLUDING TWO EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEWS. IN SUM, NESS EXCEEDED POST EXPECTATIONS IN ABILITY PRESENT COMPLICATED SUBJECTS TO KEY ECONOMIC FIGURES AS WELL AS GENERAL AUDIENCE. HE ARTICULATE, ASSURED, EXPERIENCED AND CAME ACROSS EXTREMELY WELL WITH MATURE AUDIENCES DESPITE YOUTHFUL APPEARANCE. HIGHLIGHT OF USIS TAICHUNG WEEK WAS VOLSPKR DR. PARRIS CHANG'S CHINESE LECTURE ON "DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA: AN ASIAN VIEW." SELECT AUDIENCE OF 30 INCLUDED LAWYER AND TWO PROFESSORS, SECONDARY A AUDIENCES AND PILLARS OF LOCAL SINO-AMERICAN INSTITUTE. CHANG'S LECTURE, THOUGH CLEAR AND WELL ORGANIZED, COVERED MUCH SAME GROUND BUT IN SOMEWHAT LESS DEPTH THAN ENGLISH LECTURES ON SIMILAR TOPIC BY RECENT SPEAKERS. DISCUSSION UNCLASSIFIED

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PERIOD LASTED AS LONG AS LECTURE ITSELF (50 MINUTES) AND FEATURED QUESTIONS RANGING FROM CONGRESSIONAL ROLE IN FOREIGN POLICY- MAKING TO, INEVITABLY, AMERICAN RECONGNITION PEKING. ONE LISTENER ASKED DR. CHANG COMPARE AMERICAN-AND CHINESE-STYLE DEMOCRACY. HE ANSWERED VERY FRANKLY, AND U.S. CAME OUT SMELLING LIKE A ROSE.

AT PRE-LECTURE DINNER HOSTED BY BPAO ROBERT GEYER, CHANG MET

WITH SEVERAL IMPORTANT TARGET AUDIENCE INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING TUNG HAI UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR AND NEWSPAPER COLUMNIST, TU HENG TSE AND CHOU TIEN-KU, DIRECTOR, PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION DEPARTMENT. MOST OF ANIMATED DISCUSSION CENTERED AROUND CHANG'S TRIPS TO AND OBSERVATIONS OF PRC. ALL GUESTS WERE MAINLANDERS WITH FIRM CONVICTIONS IN "WRONGNESS" OF WHAT TRANSPIRES ON MAINLAND NOW, BUT IMPRESSED BY CHANG'S PERCEPTION, OBJECTIVITY AND BALANCED OBSERVATIONS. WHILE DIFFICULT DETERMINE, BELIEVE HIS PRESENTATION GAVE THEM BASIS FOR BETTER UNDERSTANDING U.S. NORMALIZATION PROCESS.

ALL MAJOR PAPERS AUGUST 19 CARRIED MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS STORY BASED ON INFO FROM USIS LIBRARY REFERENCE SERVICE WARNING ALL CHINESE MANUFACTURERS IN TAIWAN AGAINST USING OFFICIAL LOGO EMBLEM OF U.S. BICENTENNIAL ON ANY COMMERCIAL PRODUCTS BEING SHIPPED TO U.S. PIC OF LOGO ACCOMPANIED STORY. EXCELLENT FOLLOWUP ON ORIGINAL IPS STORY RELEASED BY USIS.

USIS TAIPEI BUILT WEEK-LONG PROGRAM AROUND IMV-LOAN FILM "PAINTERS PAINTING" WITH PREVIEW FOR WRITERS ARTISTS, CRITICS; LECTURE BY AMERICAN PROFESSOR JOSEPH KAGLE, CHAIRMAN, DIVISION FINE ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF GUAM; PUBLIC FILM SHOWING AND EXHIBIT PROFESSOR KAGLE'S RECENT WORKS. KAGLE LECTURE WITH SOUND-AND-LIGHT SLIDE-ACCOMPANIED LECTURE DREW 200, INCLUDING 20 MODERN MOTIF ARTISTS, INSPIRED CENTRAL DAILY NEWS FEATURE AND RESULTED IN REQUESTS BY YOUNG ARTIST DISCUSSION GROUP FOR REPEAT SHOWING FILM EARLY SEPTEMBER. (DETAILS BY FM).
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